

September is National Preparedness Month.

Families, households, and businesses throughout the country are doing things like packing go bags, reviewing emergency plans, and considering how to best communicate and take care of loved ones, pets, and those with special needs in the event of a disaster.

The City of Beaverton takes preparedness very seriously, through an Emergency Management team which provides disaster preparedness

education and training through three programs: Take 5 to Survive, Map Your Neighborhood, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Currently, the Emergency
Management team operates out of
the Griffith Building and the Beaverton
Community Center, but its location is
a major consideration in planning the
city's public safety needs.







A Place to Prepare

A primary goal of the proposed public safety center is to ensure that Beaverton has a building that will be operational after a disaster so the city's first responders may assist citizens quickly. Bringing the Emergency Operations Center and the city radio equipment into the same building as police will better prepare the city to collaborate and communicate effectively when reacting to emergencies of all sizes.

Another shared feature of the proposed public safety center would be an onsite training facility which can be used by police and the 300 Beaverton CERT volunteers. These volunteers respond to emergencies ranging from natural disasters to missing persons.

For the City of Beaverton, preparedness goes far beyond thinking about a response to disasters, but also planning for growth. With projects like the South Cooper Mountain on the horizon, the city is looking to ensure that the needs of future citizens are met without sacrificing service.





Beaverton Police and CERT Working together to keep the community safe... and prepared.

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➤ Join others in your community and take time this month to get prepared.

For more information on National Preparedness Month: ready.gov/september

For more information on Beaverton's Emergency Management: beavertonoregon.gov/EmergencyManagement

For more information on the public safety center: renewforourblue.com

